

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No.: 10/627,996
Attorney Docket No.: Q76032

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-10, 13-16, and 18-35 are allowed.

Claims 11, 17, and 36 are herein amended. Applicant submits that the amendments made herein to the claims are exclusively for clarification and not for narrowing the claim set. Thus no equivalents are foreclosed by these non-narrowing amendments.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 17 due to informalities. Applicant has herein corrected the informalities and respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this objection.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 11, 12, and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failings to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant herein amends claims 11 and 36 to correct the informalities and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection of claims 11, 12, and 36.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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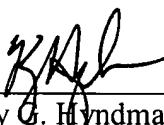
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